

Attorney Docket No. 051448-0203

Serial No. 09/992,686

REMARKS

The 10 November 2003 official action addressed claims 1-86. The independent claims were rejected over prior art and certain dependent claims were indicated to be allowable.

The independent claims are now amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable dependent claims, as follows:

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the features of claim 2.

Claim 15 is amended to incorporate the features of claim 16.

Claim 29 is amended to incorporate the features of claim 39.

Claim 44 is amended to incorporate the features of claim 54.

Claim 59 is amended to incorporate the features of claim 60.

Claim 66 is amended to incorporate the features of claim 67.

Claim 73 is amended to incorporate the features of claims 75 and 74.

Claim 80 is amended to incorporate the features of claims 82 and 81.

The incorporated dependent claims have been canceled. The remaining dependent claims have been amended as necessary to correct their dependencies in view of the canceled claims. No new matter is added.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue allowance of the claims previously submitted in a continuation of this or a related application.

The foregoing amendments and remarks address all bases for objection and rejection and are believed to place the case in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to resolve any remaining issues.

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